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SUBJ: NO GROUNDS "SO FAR" FOR PROSECUTION OF BELGRADE EIGHT

- 1. MAR 7 BORBA REPORTS SERBIAN REPUBLIC PROSECUTOR, RESPONDING TO QUESTIN IN SERBIAN ASSEMBLY, STATED THAT HIS OFFICE HAS NOT "FOR THE PRESENT" FOUND ANY GROUNDS FOR CRIMINAL PROSECUTION OF "FORMER PROFESSORS AND ASSISTANTS OF PHILOSOPHICAL FACULTY IN BELGRADE". FACT THAT EIGHT WERE SUSPENDED BY ASSEMBLY DOES NOT, OF ITSELF, PROVIDE GROUNDS FOR PROSECUTION, HE REMINDED ASSEMBLY.
- 2. THIS COINCIDES WITH APPEARANCE OF NEW ATTACK ON ONE OF EIGHT. CURRENT ISSUE OF NOVI SAD YOUTH UNION PAPER CARRIES CRITICISM EXCERPTS OF WHICH ARE RUN IN SAME MAR 7 BORBA, OF MIHAILO MARKOVIC ARTICLE IN RECENT EUROPEISHE RUNDSCHAU. CRITICISM PARTICULARLY ATTACKS MARKOVIC'S EXPRESSED DOUBTS AS TO TRUE SOCIALIST NATURE OF A NUMBER OF "COUNTRIES WHICH CALL THEMSELVES SOCIALIST".
- 3. COMMENT: PROSECUTORS' STATEMENT, BY ITSELF, IS ENCOURAGING INDICATION THAT LEGAL ACTION AGAINST BELGRADE EIGHT IS NOT PRESENTLY CONTEMPLATED. BUT QUALIFICATION IN STATEMENT IS REMINDER THAT POSSIBILITY OF PROSECUTION IS NOT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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